



Lago's new playground at the Sport Park goes into action. Busy every day since it was opened on the Queen's Birthday, the playground offers a big variety of fun. Here four youngsters whiz down the giant slide.

Lago su lugá nobo pa muchanan hunga na Sport Park ta worde bon bishitá diariamente desde su habrimento ariba dia di aña di la Reina. E "playground" ta ofrece un variedad grandi di weganan pa muchanan y, cu esey, hopi gozo y alegría.

## Biggest Cat Job Returns Unit To Operation on Schedule

### ESTUDIO PA REVISA INDEX PA COSTO DI BIDA

E Index di Costo di Bida riba cual bonusnan pa costo di vida ta basá ta bao estudio awor den un esfuerzo pa trece up-to-date y di acuerdo cu e articulonan cu un empleado ta costumbrá di cumpra awendia. A worde discutí cu LEC si e estudio aki tabata deseable y nan tabata di acuerdo.

Laurence De Trude a yega for di Estados Unidos dia 3 di Mei pa duna asistencia tecnico den e estudio, cual probablemente lo dura mas cu dos luna.

Sr. De Trude ta di National Industrial Conference Board, Inc., un organizacion di investigacion cu ta traha sin beneficio y cual su trabao ta haci investigacion di problema-nan di economia y administracion industrial. Un di nan specialidadnan ta estudio di costo di vida.

Desde 1941, tempo cu e estudio tabata estableci, e index di Lago tabata un medio útil pa yuda empleadonan combati e costonan cu a subi, cual a worde primeramente causá door di

The Cat Cracker went back on stream May 1, meeting exactly the schedule hopefully set up early in April. The tall stack signalled the beginning of operations again after two months, the longest shutdown in the plant's busy career. M C & Process, and TSD forces heaved a sigh of relief that could be heard even over the unit's normal rumble.

The big job was marked throughout by close cooperation, not only among all levels of employees in the departments involved but reaching out as far as Baytown, Baton Rouge, and New York.

An urgency to get the job done in the shortest possible time had men from many crafts working 12, 14, and sometimes 16 hours at a stretch..... holidays and weekends were only working days to many supervisors... telephone calls to New York almost daily helped Lago to profit from the experiences of other refineries on similar jobs, and helped to work out some of the long-range problems connected with it... materials and equipment, some newly ordered and some originally scheduled for arrival late this month, were

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The Schooner Hazel Scott.

A schooner captain, relative of two Lagoites, had an interesting story of being adrift for 11 days at sea when he arrived in Aruba late last month. He was Lionel Marks, skipper of the Vincentian two-masted auxiliary schooner, the Hazel Scott. Mr. Marks in the brother of Cecil Marks, Drydock, and brother-in-law of Wilfred "Slim" MacDowall, Storehouse.

The captain's vessel, named after the famed Trinidad-born musician, left Trinidad March 27 on a voyage to Grenada and St. Vincent. Aboard were the skipper and crew of eight.

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## Study to Revise C-of-L Index

### Expert Here From U.S. To Give Assistance

The Cost of Living Index on which C-of-L bonuses are based is now under study in a move to bring it up-to-date and in line with the average employee's present-day buying habits. The advisability of doing this has been discussed with the LEC, which has agreed.

Laurence De Trude arrived from the United States May 3 to give technical assistance in the study, which will probably extend over a two-month period.

Mr. De Trude is from the National Industrial Conference Board, Inc., a non-profit research organization devoted to research in the problems of industrial economics and management. One of their specialties is cost of living studies.

Since 1941, when it was established, Lago's index has been a useful tool in helping employees to cope with the rising costs that came first with the war and later with continued periods of inflation. For ten years it has been successful in keeping employee earnings up with the cost of living currently, with a minimum time-lag. (This is a distinct advantage not enjoyed by a vast majority of the working people of this territory, or anywhere.)

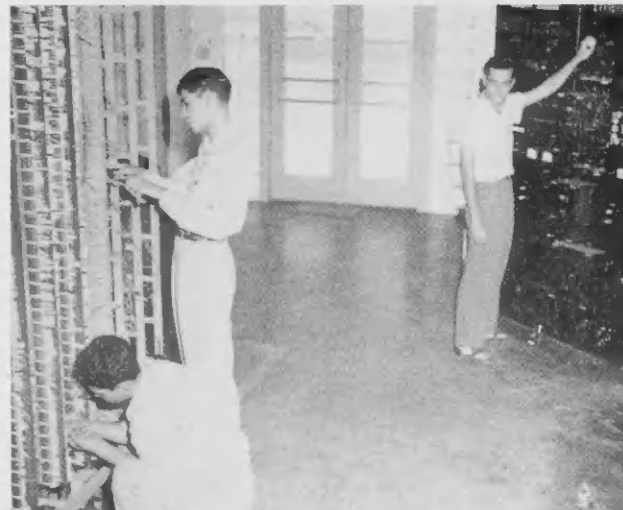
A cost of living index is based largely on the kinds of things and quantity of things the average person buys. Lago's index was set up in 1941 and over the years has closely reflected employees' buying habits. Very gradually, however, over a long period of time, there are changes in the kinds of things available and also in what employees prefer to buy.

The study now in progress aims to determine what effect these gradual changes have had on the results shown by the cost of living surveys, and to revise the index in line with them.

## Here's How the New Telephone Exchange Will Open



Ready for action this weekend is the new Telephone Exchange (above). There will be minimum interruption of service while the switch-over is made.



Here's how the switch will be made. Martinez Lco, right, closes the main fuse, Marciano Arends (center) clips wires, and Victor Winterdaal, left, pulls out insulators.

## "A Voice Out of Nowhere" Was First to Use the New Exchange

### Marine Club ta Yuda Padvindernan

Dia 21 di April un baile pa beneficio di e Padvindernan y Padvindernan Ingles ariba Aruba, a worde teni door di Lago Marine Club. Un grupo grandi di hende a asisti e fiesta aki, y e suma di fls 512.— cu a worde produci a worde entregá na Sra D. G. Jakeman, commissaris di e Padvindernan Ingles.

### Schedule of Paydays

Semi-Monthly Payroll	
May 1-15	Wednesday, May 23
May 16-31	Friday, June 8
Monthly Payroll	
May 1-31	Saturday, June 9

Supervisors still found time to carry on their weekly five-minute safety talks — and the men continued to observe safe working practices.

"A voice from nowhere" was the first one to use the new telephone exchange which will go into operation a little after midnight on May 13. Usually the opening of a telephone system is done with much fanfare, and the first words spoken are carefully written beforehand. But Lago's system was put into operation by a freak chain of events which resulted in Marciano Arends hearing a ghostly voice coming over the wires long before connections had been set up.

Marciano had been checking insulators on the system about two months ago and had pulled out some of the paper tabs which separate "Hot" lines from inactive lines. Suddenly he heard the switches in the new telephone system begin to click. Signal lights flashed, and different parts of the machinery went into operation. As he waited, amazed, the four number connection was completed.

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### Lago Employees Work 3 Million Safe Man Hours

Lago employees set an outstanding new safety record last month. The new record went 67 days without a single losttime injury, or a total of over 3,138,000 safe man hours. The record extended from February 16 through April 24.

Previous Company safety record was 51 days — or over 2,515,000 man hours — set from November 17, 1949 to January 6, 1950.

The new record is particularly outstanding, since it was made during the emergency PCAR turnaround. At that time men were working around the clock at the Cat Cracker; major repairs were going on, and there was a heavy concentration of men around the unit. During their many hours of top priority work, however, they never lost sight of the importance of working safely.

## New Playground At Sport Park Goes Over Big

### Variety of Equipment Set Up for All Ages

Lago's brand-new twenty-thousand square foot playground is doing a booming business. The playground was officially turned over to the youngsters of Aruba at the Olympiad on the Queen's Birthday (see page 5 of this issue), and the many pieces of recreational equipment have been running full speed ever since.

All of the children of the island are welcomed at the playground which is located at the south-west corner of the Sport Park in San Nicolas. There is equipment for both large and small children. Primary purpose of the playground is to give them a safe place for healthful recreation.

The playground will be administered by the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee as a part of Sport Park facilities. It will be especially useful to entertain children while their parents are attending athletic events at the park.

Since every piece of equipment has been in constant use every day, it is difficult to say which catches the fancy of the youngsters the most. For tiny tots, the see-saw and the merry-go-round have much appeal. More energetic children can exercise on the swings, rings, and jungle gym. Older youngsters can play on the giant stride, swings, trapezes, bars, rings, and ladders, and the traveling

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## New Safety Record Tops Past Score By 16 Days

### "Un Stem Misterioso" prome pa usa Centraal Nobo

"Un Stem Misterioso" tabata e prome cu a usa e centraal nobo di telefon, cu lo worde poni na uso poco despues di mei anochi, dia 13 di Mei. Habrimento di un sistema di telefon, generalmente ta tuma lugu cu hopi ceremonia, y e prome palabranan cu lo worde papia semper ta worde scirbi cu cuidao di antemano. Pero e sistema nobo di Lago a worde poni na uso door di un combinacion di circunstancianan masha raro, y e resultado tabata cu Marciano Arends a tende un stem misterioso over di e lineanan hopi prome cu e coneccionnan a worde termina. Dos luna pasa Marciano tabata check e aisladornan den e sistema di telefon, y saca algun pida kartonnan cu ta separa e

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AN OUTSTANDING industrial safety record such as that recently achieved by our plant requires the wholehearted cooperation of all employees. For their part in making their men safety conscious, supervisors deserve great credit. Equal credit goes to all employees who every hour, every day, have kept in mind their own safety and that of their fellow employees. It is with the greatest pleasure that I extend congratulations to all Lagoites on this fine performance and record.

*J. J. Horigan*

Un record sobresaliente di seguridad industrial, manera recientemente a wonder alcanzá den nos planta, ta posibel unicamente cu e cooperacion sincero di tur empleadonan.

Formannan, cu a contribui door di sinja nan trahadornan realiza peligernan di trabao, ta merece credito grandi. Mes tanto credito tambe mester worde duná na tur empleadonan cu cada dia, cada ora, a hiba cuenta cu nan mes seguridad y tambe seguridad di nan compañeronan di trabao. Cu e placer di mas grandi mi ta extende mi felicitaciones na tur empleadonan di Lago cu motibo di e bon trabao y bunita record aki.

## Aruba From The Air . . . . . Santa Cruz



### SERVICE AWARDS

#### 20-Year Buttons

Juan Donati	Shipyard
Ramon Vrolijk	Marine Launches
Pedrito Winterdaal	Wharves
Zenovio Dirkz	Garage Transp.
Melon Henry	Carpenter
Amias van Heyningen	Yard
Charles Hanna	Pipe
Luis Kock	Paint
Joseph Hope	Garage Transp.
Ambrosio Geerman	Colony Maint.

#### 10-Year Buttons

Rudolf Polak	Accounting
Vincent Yearwood	Lago Police
Wallace Barry	Lago Police
Carrie Gorden	Medical
Wyoming Dupersoy	Medical
Sydney Henry	Commissary
Olof Sarmaat	Stewards
Maximo Vries	Marine Office
Martinus Winklaar	Marine Launches
Augustine De Barros	Cat. & Lt. Ends
Francis Gouveia	Cat. & Lt. Ends
Richard De Abreu	Cracking
Reginald McLean	Cracking
Leopoldo Tromp	Cracking
Enrique Trimom	Cracking
Robert Koko	Instrument
Solomon Edmund	Yard
James Charles	Mason
Serapio Tromp	M&C Adm.

### Speelplaats "Nobo"

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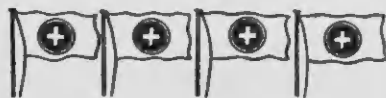
na San Nicolas, ta keda habri. Tin tur soorto di cos pa hunga pa muchanan grandi y chikito. E objecto principal di e "playground" ta, pa duna e muchanan un luga pa nan hunga liber di peliger.

E "playground" lo worde administra door di e Comite di Recreo di Lago Sport Park como party di e facilidatnan cu e Sport Park ta ofrece. E lo ta di uso especial pa entertene e muchanan mientras nan mayornan ta atende eventonan atletico na Sport Park.

Siendo cu tur e diferente weganan ta constantemente na uso tur dia, ta dificil pa bisa cual di nan ta mas gusta door di e muchanan. Pa e chikitinnan e "wip plank" y e plataforma cu ta drai, cu yama "Giant Stride" ta di mas atractivo.

Muchanan cu mas energia por hace ejercicio ariba e schommelnan, reentor hunga 'riba e toren, e cabaito bara pa trapieza, reenchi i trapinan. E glijbaan grandi (portret ariba pagina 1) ta di atraccion especial pa muchanan di tur edad.

Durante e presentamento di e "playground" na e muchanan di Aruba, President di Lago Sr. J. J. Horigan a pone enfasis ariba e valor cu hungamentosalu tin den formamento di bon cuidadanonan. Pasobra mientras e muchana ta diberti nan mes, nan ta sinja tambe di hunga honradamente y sportief... y eseynan ta di valor grandi pa fomentamento di nan karakter.



## Want to Check Your Oil? Try Atom Bomb Research

Atomic research has made it possible to find out just how well your oil is lubricating your motor... and how far mosquitos fly during their busy lives.

These and many other valuable peacetime projects stemming from research on the atomic bomb were explained by Dr. Walter Lauer,

professor of organic chemistry at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Lauer spoke Tuesday, May 1 to members of the Engineers' Club and their guests, and Wednesday evening to the Aruba Rotary Club. He is a guest of R. V. Heinze, Acid & Edeleanu.

"The Atomic Energy Program has given new research tools to the engineer... the chemist... and the doctor," he pointed out. "Four of the five big atomic research centers in the United States are studying basic ways of using atomic reactions for the benefit of mankind." Dr. Lauer diagrammed the way an ordinary carbon atom (found in all foods and living things) can be changed into a radioactive carbon atom and then traced wherever it goes. This enables scientists to make radioactive mosquitos, drugs and medicines, and even engine pistons.

Other uses of these radioactive elements which give off signals like a walkie-talkie radio wherever they go include delicate analysis of very complex organic chemicals, and location of tumors or cancers in the body.

One unusual problem is the disposal of these radioactive elements after they are used. Scientists temporarily solved it by casting the waste products in big blocks of cement and dumping them into the ocean.

Another important "waste product" of the atomic research is a tremendous quantity of heat... enough to raise the temperature of the entire Columbia river about 4 degrees. Dr. Lauer emphasized that the beneficial aspects of the atom bomb to science and to industry have hardly been explored.

He also touched on interesting features of the Oak Ridge city in Tennessee which grew up overnight to house the atomic scientists and their families. City planning provided a near-perfect community with excellent schools, homes, and traffic control. The entire town, with a population of 75,000 at its peak, is divided into various restricted zones. During the war the research was kept so secret that very few citizens knew even a small part of the entire picture. One milkman, so the story goes, said, "I don't know what the government is making here, but they could buy it a lot cheaper!"

But the knowledge that has been... and will be... obtained from atomic research is priceless, Dr. Lauer concluded. It will be many years before we know all of the ways the forces locked inside an atom can be used.

### DEATHS

Francisco Geronimo Pena, Student 1B in the Training Division of the Industrial Relations Department, died May 2 at the age of 14. He had 6 months and 14 days service.

FOR SALE: Brand new table model Phillips radio for only Fls. 235. Has six bands and an extra band for pickup. Apply Vincent Howell, W.F. 51 A anytime.



C. R. A. Bishop, left, Colony Zone 4, M&C, watches with pride as his brother John (Assistant Operator, Powerhouse) cuts the wedding cake. John was married April 7 to Miss Cynthia Coard at the Holy Cross Anglican Church in San Nicolas. The couple will reside in Standardville. Before her marriage, Miss Coard was a teacher at the Church of England High School in Grenada.

C. R. A. Bishop, di M&C Colony Zone 4 (na man robez) cu orgullo ta waak su ruman John, un assistant operator na Powerhouse, corta su bolo di matrimonio. John su matrimonio cu Srta Cynthia Coard a tuma lugá dia 7 di April na Holy Cross Anglican Church, San Nicolas. E recién casánan ta bai biba na Standardville. Srta Coard tabata un maestra di school na Grenada.

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and one passenger.

Only a few hours out of Trinidad the engine stalled, and the ship started to drift in the calm seas. For several days the schooner drifted slowly down the Venezuelan coast. However, since there was plenty of food and drink aboard, there was no worry on that score.

Finally, after being at sea for 11 days, the ship ran aground off Bonaire. Although it stuck fast, the ship did not break apart. Crew and passenger remained on board until morning, when they saw they were so close to shore that they waded in. Luckily, they were able to salvage all articles of value and take them ashore.

Crew and passenger continued on to St. Vincent on another ship. Captain Marks came on to Aruba for a brief visit with relatives before returning to St. Vincent.

### Correction

The picture of the Tropical Country Club opening in the last issue was taken by Joe d'Aguiar of Ace Studios, not by S. Rajroop as incorrectly credited. The Esso News thanks to Mr. d'Aguiar.



Bound for Temple University Hospital for a final operation, twelve-year old Irene Jacobs waves goodbye to her friends at Dakota field. Her mother and KLM stewardess Elizabeth Brook accompanied her to Curaçao.

## Irene Flys Alone to States for Final Operation Financed by Aruba Friends

IRENE JACOBS TWELVE YEAR OLD PROTEGE ARUBA LIONS CLUB ARRIVES NEW YORK ALONE 4/26 PAA FLIGHT 452 STOP BOUND TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR FINAL OPERATION REPAIRING ESOPHAGUS CUT FROM FALL ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT AGE SEVEN STOP LIONS SPARKPLUGGED 3700 DOLLAR COLLECTION STILL GROWING TO DEFRAY COST.

This cable to New York marked the climax of the long series of preliminary operations and medical care given to Aruba's Irene Jacobs by Dr. A. Schlachter of Oranjestad came Thursday, April 26 when the cheerful and courageous girl left alone for New York and a final operation at the Temple University hospital in Philadelphia.

Seeing her off at Dakota airport were officers and members of the Aruba Lions Club which took on Irene's medical case as a special project several years ago.

(Ariba) Irene Jacobs, 12 años de edad, ta zwaai su man tumando despedida di su amigonan na Vliegvel Dakota, fo'i unda e a cuminsa su biaha pa Hospital di Temple University, unda e ta bai pa un operacion final. Su mama y Elizabeth Brook, stewardess di K.L.M. ta acompaña te na Corsow.

Despues di tur e operacionnan preliminar y e cuida medico duná door di Dr. A. Schlachter di Oranjestad na Irene Jacobs, e momento grandi a yega Diajueves, 26 di April, ora e mucha-mohé alegre y di gran curashi aki a sali su sô pa bai Merca, unda na e hospital di Temple University na Philadelphia e lo worde sometí na un operacion final.

Miembronan di e Club di Leones, a bai Dakota Vliegvel pa tuma despedida di dje.

E ultimo esfuertonan di e Club di Leones pa haci e operacion na Merca posibel, a captura e simpatia di henter puebel di Aruba.



## Biggest Cat Job

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brought by air express from as far as Baytown, Texas.

A new schedule board went up, where supervisors could check the progress of any part of the work against the hoped-for completion date of that particular job. Overtime lunches by the thousands were consumed as round-the-clock work went on. Special arrangements were made so that men working on the unit at that time could get their pay at the Accounting Office across the road instead of at the Main Gate, so time wouldn't be lost off the job. When trouble developed in a big compressor just as the plant was ready to start up, a repair job that ordinarily would have taken nearly a week was completed in 26 hours.

Employees responded promptly to the emergency; in all the long and difficult job they displayed the most creditable willingness to overcome every obstacle in getting the unit back on stream.

In a letter to the departments May 2 General Supt. F. E. Griffin said among other things:

"The entire Lago organization accepted and carried out the assignment in a highly satisfactory manner. The enthusiastic manner in which all our employees approached the Cat Cracker repair job was most gratifying and demonstrated the type of team spirit that has made Lago and will keep Lago one of the world's great industrial enterprises... I wish to extend my thanks to all departments and their employees who had a part in successfully carrying out this most difficult job in a remarkably short period of time. Of special importance is the fact that the entire job involving numerous potential hazards to personnel was executed without a lost time accident."

## Aruba Honors the Queen's Birthday



EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE! Almost all of San Nicolas turned out to watch the parade on the morning of the Queen's birthday. Part of the 600 island Boy and Girl Scouts who took part are seen above.



TRADITIONAL "AUBADE" takes place at the Roman Catholic school behind St. Theresa's. During this ceremony two thousand school children sang for the Lt. Governor. The Governor then gave a short response.

### British Chairman Dies

Cabled news was received here last week of the death April 28 of R. A. Carder, chairman of the board of Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd. (formerly Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd.) and a director of the Esso Transportation Co. Ltd. in London.

Mr. Carder visited Aruba a number of times, most recently last December. His company is important to Aruba in that Britain is one of Lago's principal markets.

The funeral took place May 2. Esso Transportation vessels here rendered tribute by half-masting their flags.

## Church Bells Ring in a Day of Parades, Sports and Thanksgiving

At 6:00 on the morning of April 30 the bells of all the churches in Aruba rang out across the island to mark the birthday of Queen Juliana. The sound of the bells was still in the air when the carillon of the Protestant Church in Oranjestad began to play national songs.

In every part of Aruba... in Noord, Santa Cruz, Paradera, Sabaneta...

people were preparing for one of the finest holiday celebrations in many years. Children with shining scrubbed faces and orange or national flags in their hands could be seen everywhere. In Oranjestad, on the docks, masters of sailboats were decorating their crafts for the race in the afternoon. Athletes were making last minute preparations for the contests scheduled all through the day, both at the Lago Sport Park and other playing fields.

First event in San Nicolas was a parade by 120 Marines in battle uniform. They marched through Bernhardstraat, B. v/d Veen Zeppefeldstraat, Lagoweg, Helfrichstraat, Torrenstraat, and back up Bernhardstraat.

Over 2000 children turned out for the Aubade in San Nicolas (see picture above) held at 8:00 and Acting Lt. Governor H. A. Hessling was on hand to hear their singing. An hour later he addressed an equally large group of schoolchildren who sang at the Passangrahan in Oranjestad.

At 8:30 the Excelsior community Brass Band made the streets of San Nicolas resound with military music, and 600 scouts representing the troops of Aruba marched through the city.

The Marines also paraded in Oranjestad and then spectators crowded the sea front by L. G. Smith Boulevard to watch the start of the sailboat races. The boat "De Arend", skippered by Leonco Orman came in first after the hour and a half-long race from the dock to the outer buoy and back. Second and third place winners were the "Virgin Del Carmen" (N. Hoek), and the "Consuelo" (D. Orman).

Awarded prizes for being the most beautifully decorated boats were (1st) the "Reina Virginia" (2nd) the "Clara" and (3rd) the "De Arend". Presentation of prizes was made by A. van der Berg, head of the Department of Public Works.

Another exciting event was the five kilometer bicycle race held at the Wilhelmina Sport Park Monday afternoon. This was won by Siegfried Palino. Second and third placers were Willem Palm and Jacoba Palm.

Games for all, both young and old, boys and girls, were held at four different spots on Monday afternoon... Wilhelmina Sports Park in Oranjestad, Trappers field in Santa Cruz, St. Philomena field at Paradera, and San Nicolaas Jrs. field in San Nicolas.

At 3:25, Acting Governor of the Netherlands West Indies, F. A. Jas, was welcomed upon his arrival at Dakota Field. His first stop was the Lago Sport Park where activities had been going full blast all day, and he followed his visit there with a reception in the Passangrahan in Oranjestad.

Football games had been held during the Saturday and Sunday before the Queen's Birthday at the R.C.A. and Union fields. Champions in the

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lineanan cu coriente fo'i essunnan moorto.

Di repente el a tende e switchnan den e sistema nobo cuminsa bati, Luznan di senjal a cende, y diferente partinan di e mashin a cuminsa traha. Mientras e tabata spera, babuca, e coneccion di cuatro humbernan a cera, y su mes telefoon a cuminsa bati.

Sintiend su mes manera Robinson Crusoe, descubriendo marcannan di pia ariba su isla, Marciano a lamta su telefoon, y a basa; "Helb" Un stem a contestele: "Hello, ta 'bo Arends?" "Si, esaki ta Arends. Pero kende bo ta?" "Bo conoce mi. Ta Bobb. Elijah Bobb. Manera costumbra, mi ta splees kabel aki 'bao den e manhole. Pakico bo ta asina exita?" "Tende Bobb", Arends a contestele, "si bo sabi of no, bo a caba di haci e prome yamada door di e central nobo. Mi no sabi con bo a haciele, pero sigur ta, cu bo a duna mi un bon spanto." A resulta despues, cu Bobb, kende tabata trahando ariba lineanan di telefoon den colony, a haci un yamada cu su telefoon portatil, pa e central bieuw, pa pidi algun cos di trabao. Door di un chens den cuatro-cien, Arends a ranca e pida kartonnan cu a habri su number den e central nobo, y e prome yamada a worde haci.

E cambio di e central bieuw pa esun nobo lo sosode mes suavemente cu e yamada di Bobb. Tur e pida kartonnan lo worde saca, e lineanan bieuw lo worde corta, y e switch mayor lo worde cera pa 12:30 Diadomingo madrugá. Cu asina poco inconveniencia posibel, henter e refinaria lo worde pasa ariba e central nobo, y poco-poco e central bieuw lo worde desconecta. Ora e cambio worde completa 1600 linea lo re-emplaza e 600 lineanan den e presente sistema. No mas cu dos telefoon lo traha ariba e mes un linea.

Terminacion di e trabao asina grandi y complicada di instala e central nobo, kier meen servicio mas lihe y hopi mas miho den hacimento di bo yamadanan.

A Class were the San Nicolas Jrs. over the R.C.N. (Racing Club of Noord). For their triumph they were awarded the Queen Juliana Cup. The Intermediate Class title was won by the Atomic team over Lucky Strike. Atomic also won the prize for scoring the most goals.

In the B. Class, the La Salle Boys beat the Elf Sterren (11 stars), and in the Junior Class the Dakota team beat the Don Bosco team. In Santa Cruz Jong Aruba beat Jong Holland by a 2-1 score.

The weekend's celebrations were ended Monday evening by a magnificent display of fireworks on the beach in front of the Strand Hotel.

## Cat Plant ta Traha Atrobe

E "Cat Cracker" a bolbe na servicio dia 1 di Mei, cumpliendo exactamente cu e fecha cu a worde poní cu hopi speranza na cumintamento di April. E schoorsteen grandi a duna senjal di cumintamento di operacion trobe despues di dos luna, e periodo mas largo cu e planta aki a keda bao durante su servicio activo.

Un urgencia pa caba e trabao den menos posibel a haci cu empleadonan di diferente ofishi mester a traha 12, 14 y algun vez 16 ora sin stop... dianan di fiesta y Diasabra y Diadomingo tabata gewoon dianan di trabao pa hopi hefenan... yamada di telefoon pa New York casi diariamente a yuda Lago provecha di experiencia di otro refinarianan riba trabaoonan similar y a yuda solucioná algun di es problemanan cu ta conectá cu e asunto aki... material y pieza, algun cu a worde encargá urgentemente y algun cu tabata originalmente destiná pa yega na cabamento di e luna aki, a worde treci door di aeroplano te hasta for di Baytown, Texas.

Un borchí nobo a worde trahá na unda hefenan por a compara e progreso di cualkier parti di e trabao cu e dia cu nan tabata spera pa caba tal trabao. Lunch pa overtime a worde duná na miles mientras trabao tabata continuá di dia y anochi. Arreglonan special a worde haci asina cu hendenan cu tabata ariba e planta por a ricibi nan pago na Accounting Office na otro banda di camina envez di na Main Gate asina cu tempo lo no worde perdi for di trabao. Ora cu trouble a worde experimentá den un compressor grandi net e planta tabata cla pa subi, un trabao di reparacion cu ordinariamente lo a tuma casi un siman a worde terminá den 26 ora.

Den un carta na e departamentonan dia 2 di Mei, Superintendente General F. E. Griffin a bisa entre otro:

"Henter organizacion di Lago a acceptá y a haci e trabao den un manera cu ta altamento satisfactorio. E manera entusiastico den cual tur nos empleadonan a cumpli cu e trabao di reparacion ariba e Cat Cracker tabata masha satisfactorio y a demonstra e sorto di cooperacion cu a haci y cu lo mantene Lago como un di e empresanan industrial mas grandi den mundo... Mi kier expresá mi gratitud na tur departamentonan y na empleadonan kende tabata tin parti den hacimento di e trabao tan dificil na un manera satisfactorio den un tempo tan cortico. Di importancia special ta e hecho cu henter e trabao cu tabata contene numeroso peligranon grandi pa empleadonan a worde haci sin ningun accidente cu perdida di tempo."

## Here and There

A feature of the Sport Park Olympiad April 30 was President J. J. Horgan's announcement that money has been appropriated for flood-lighting the field. The big lights will add very greatly to the time available for sports activity and the spectator interest that goes with it. At the same time they will make it possible for children to use the new playground equipment in the evening hours. Included in the specifications will be lighting for a future tennis and basketball area behind the stand.

Employees report occasionally that they are unable to get a copy of the Aruba Esso News. This is unfortunate but can only be avoided if employees will restrict themselves to one copy. The press run is substantially larger than the number of employees, and will be more than enough if thoughtfulness for others is exercised in taking copies.

The Aruba Esso News extends congratulations to The Local on its third birthday May 1. In entering the fourth year the staff restated the paper's aim to continue growth and improvement in meeting readers' needs.

Phillip Volney exchanged his role as a teacher for that of a student last month when he left to enter pre-medical school in New York. He had been a popular vocational instructor since 1947, and had six years in the operating department before that. His students presented him with flowers and an anthology of poetry; a farewell send-off from fellow instructors included a cash gift and scroll.

## Here Are the Olympiad Winners

Five mile flat race: 1 - James Simon; 2 - K. Alexander; 3 - Irenius Kruythoff; lap prize - James Simon.

Kite flying: most original kites - Harry Garcia; largest kite - Hypolito Artsen; highest flying kite - Hyacinth Schotborgh; most beautiful kite - Marcelino de Windt; consolation prize - Juan Gario.

Burro race: 1 - Harold Larmonie; 2 - R. Dirks; 3 - A. Wilton.

Egg & spoon race - girls: 1 - P. Johnson; 2 - M. Brown; 3 - M. Cooper.

Weightlifting: 181 lb. class: 1 - Leo Taylor; 2 - Julian Pemberton; 165 lb. class: 1 - E. Dash; 2 - Edwin Baptiste; 148 lb. class: 1 - Carlos Violenus; 2 - Roy van Putten; 132 lb. class: 1 - Errol Tross; 2 - Minguet Vrolijk.

Best Developed Athlete: J. Warner. 100 yards flat, apprentices 16 and under: 1 - Adolfo Richardson; 2 - Enrique Vorst; 3 - John Philip.

100 yards flat - open: 1 - Oliver S. Webb; 2 - W. Williams; 3 - William Burton.

50 yards needle and thread, girls under 15: 1 - P. Johnson; 2 - V. Milton; 3 - E. Huckleman.

Sack race - 50 yards - apprentices and office boys, 16 and under: 1 - Adolfo Richardson; 2 - J. Tweebloom; 3 - Enrique Vorst.

Pillow fight: R. Laichum; N. John; I. Nedd; A. Milton.

100 yards flat, apprentices 17 and over: 1 - Joseph Peters; 2 - Simeon Molina; 3 - Fernando Brooks.

220 yards flat - open: 1 - W. Williams; 2 - William Burton; 3 - Josiah Bobb.

440 yards relay: 1 - W. Williams team; 2 - O. S. Webb's team; 3 - J. Tweebloom's team.

Long jump - open: 1 - O. S. Webb; 2 - Charles King; 3 - Gerard Faas.

Two mile cycle - racers: 1 - Ruben Ellis; 2 - Rudolph Tjin-A-Loi; 3 - Simon Illidge.

Three mile cycle - racers: 1 - Bendick Rogers; 2 - Simon Illidge; 3 - Th. Barrow.

440 yards flat - open: 1 - W. Williams; 2 - Simon Molina; 3 - Josiah Bobb.

100 yards skipping race - girls: 1 - V. Milton; 2 - E. Huckleman; 3 - M. Brown.

50 yards flat race - children under 10: 1 - Herman Hope; 2 - Vincent Gomes; 3 - Miranda Huckleman.

High jump: 1 - Julian Pemberton; 2 - Alfonso Corbin; 3 - Charles King.

Half mile flat - open: 1 - James Simon; 2 - Irenius Kruythoff; 3 - A. Brown.

Shot-put: 1 - Karel Pieterse; 2 - Teddy Johnson; 3 - Julian Pemberton.

Five mile cycle - racers: 1 - Bendick Rogers; 2 - Simon Illidge; 3 - Ruben Ellis; lap prize - Bendick Rogers.

Three-legged 100 yards - open: 1 - Joseph Peters and S. Molina; 2 - W. Williams and W. Burton; 3 - James Arrindell and O. S. Webb.

One mile flat: 1 - James Simon; 2 - Jan Bodemeyer; 3 - Josiah Bobb.

100 yards flat - men 35 years and over: 1 - Robert Martin; 2 - Frank Edwards; 3 - Hamilton Blaize.

Most outstanding athlete: James Simon.



Attending a luncheon honoring the retirement of John Hobart, foreman in the Electrical Department, are (l. to r.) S. H. Hartwick, Mr. Hobart, F. W. Switzer, J. L. Dortch and T. C. Brown. Mr. Hobart left May 3 for Independence, Missouri. On April 24 his retirement was celebrated by a picnic given by his many friends in M & C.





# Queen's Birthday OLYMPIAD

**Lago's Tenth Annual Sports Festival  
Is Biggest Ever As 5000 Watch  
Outstanding Island Athletes Compete**



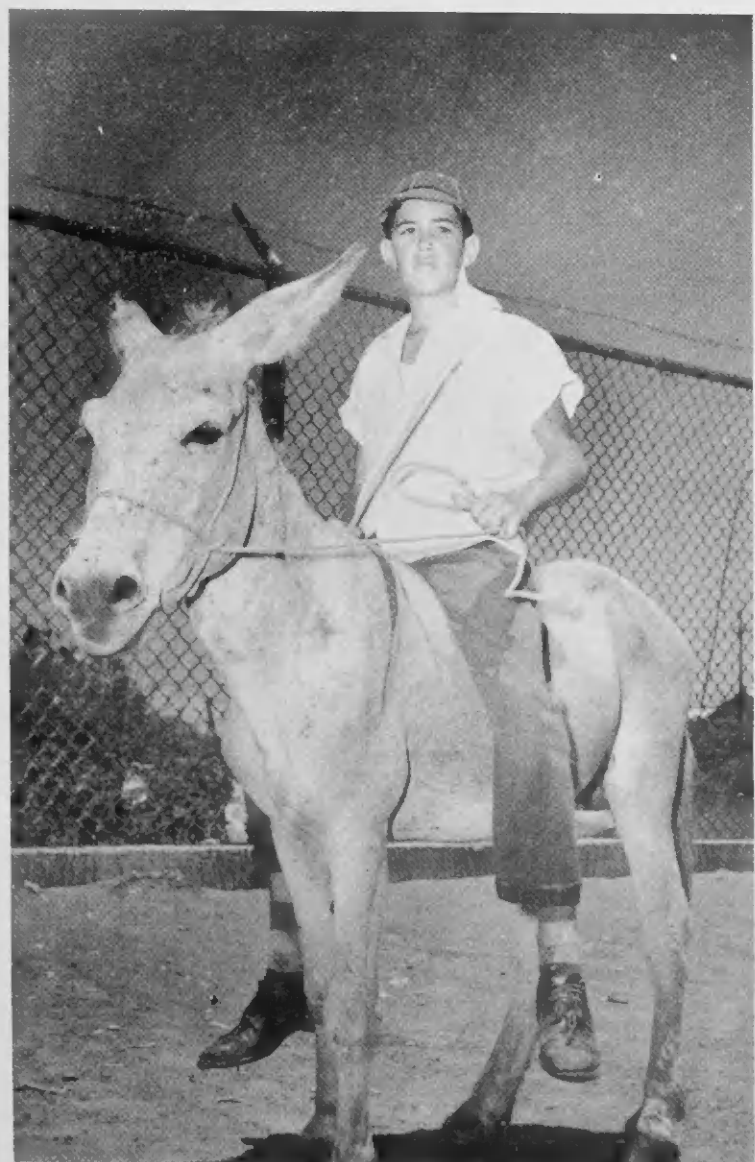
With a smile and a firm handshake of congratulation, R. O. Jackson presents the trophy for most outstanding athlete to 1951's winner, James Simon, right. Simon carried the field with three firsts... the five mile, one mile, and half-mile flat races. Jackson has won the trophy for the past several years.



Acting Governor of the Netherlands West Indies, F. A. Jas, addresses the thousands of spectators gathered to watch the events at the Sport Park. At the conclusion of his speech, which recognized the importance of athletic activities in NWI, he promised to convey the good wishes of the spectators in a letter to the Queen.



Looking like a figure on a sports trophy, J. Warner displays some of the muscles that won first place for him in the Best Developed Athlete contest. He won against a competing group of nine athletes.



This burro, although he looks a little sleepy, was moving very fast a few minutes before the picture was taken. Rider Harold Larmonie brought him to a successful finish in the burro race, one of the first of the interesting competitions.

General Manager O. Mingus gives a prize to young and happy Miss P. Johnson who won the needle and thread race for girls under 15. On her right is third-place winner E. Huckleman; on her left is second-place winner V. Milton. O. Antonette, Safety, holds the other two prizes.



# Lago Gives Playground to Aruba's Children During Olympiad



A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR ARUBA'S CHILDREN. Lago President J. J. Horigan announces that the Sport Park has a new addition (see front page story), and he officially turns over the facilities to the children of the island. The grounds will be under the direction of the Recreation committee.



GRINNING AT THE NEWS, tiny Miss Ruby Van Blaricum holds onto her father's coat while Henry Nassy, Public Relations, urges Ruby to say a few words over the microphone. Vito Van Blaricum looks proud and unworried, even though his daughter was called upon to speak unrehearsed.



RUBY FACES THE CROWD OF 5000 with complete confidence and thanks the Lago Oil and Transport Co. as a representative of the children. At the conclusion of her talk, R. Martin of the Committee rises to lead the applause. For a picture of the playground being used, see page 1.



Winner in the Shot-put was Karel Pieterse of the Netherlands Marines. The camera catches him as he hurls the weight for the winning distance.



Juan Garrio standing next to the kite at left spent many hours on the big project. Although the kite was not so successful a flyer as some others, its intricate construction earned Juan a prize.

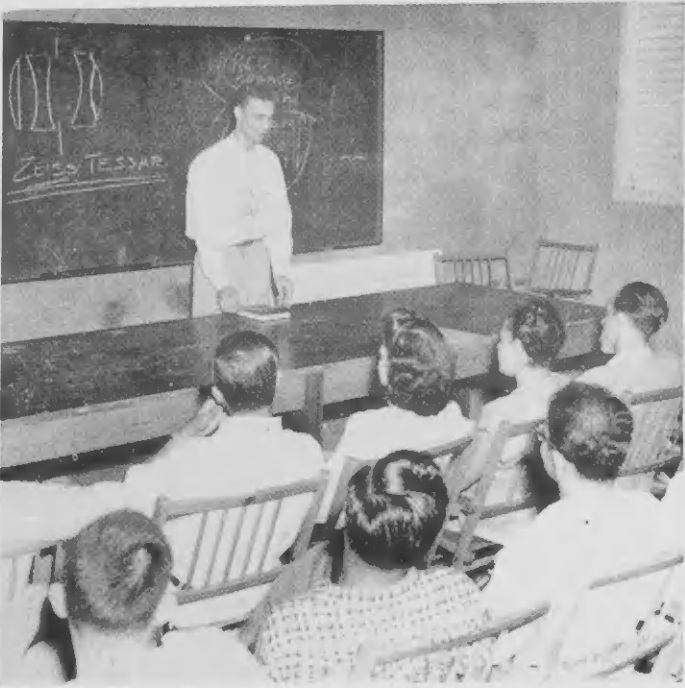
DRAMA ON THE TRACK! Bendick Rogers, star cyclist, was leading the 2 mile cycle race by almost a lap. Winning of this race would tie this athlete with James Simon for the coveted "Most Outstanding Athlete." prize, but tragedy struck when victory was only a few seconds away a blow-out of the rear tire forced Bendick out of the race.



These three gaily costumed characters in the crowd at the Olympiad gave a carnival spirit.







Members of the Aruba Camera Club meet every week to improve their knowledge of all phases of photography. Above, C. A. Overstreet, TSD, talks on optics in photography at the April 20 meeting. The group numbers about 20.

Miembronan di e Aruba Camera Club ta reuni tur siman pa studia mas di fotografia. Ariba, C. A. Overstreet, di T.S.D. ta dunando splicación ariba puntonan tecnico di fotografia durante e reunion di dia 20 di April. E grupo ta consisti di 20 miembro.

# News and Views



Franklin Kersout (left) presents a wedding gift to Juan Thijsen on behalf of Training shop instructors. Mr. Thijsen was married April 19 to Aura Maria Croes.



A Coin Your Ideas award of Fls. 500 is presented to N. E. Sampson by Marine Manager J. Andreae. A. McKenzie looks on. Mr. Sampson's idea was to avoid waste of bunkers that remain in the line at the Lake Tanker docks.

Un premio di "C.Y.I." representando un suma di Fls. 500.— ta worde presentá na N. E. Sampson, door e gerente di Departamento di Marina, J. Andreae. A. McKenzie ta presencia e presentamento. Sr. Sampson su idea tabata pa evita perdida di azeta di kima cu ta keda den e linea di tubo na warfnan di lake tankernan.



Music, laughs, and beauty - Jane Russell's next picture for RKO should have a plentiful supply of each. Appearing with her in the movie, titled "It's Only Money", are Frank Sinatra and Groucho Marx. Jane obviously supplies the beauty, although Groucho has more distinctive eyes than she.

Música, harimento, y belleza. E proximo película di Jane Russell, "It's Only Money", mester tin hopi di esey. Frank Sinatra y Groucho Marx ta hunga hunto cu ne den e película ey. Indubablemente Jane ta contribui cu e parti di belleza, aunque Groucho tin mas "wowo" cu ne.



Members of the popular dance band, The Dixielanders, are seen above at a recent Esso Club engagement. At the microphone is singer Nancy Morris. In front, from the left, are J. R. Reimel, C. A. Overstreet, B. Smith, and pianist L. Leonor. Trumpeters A. J. Sarratt and H. Duysker are seen behind. Not shown are J. Koulman, trombone; J. De Lange, drums; and R. Keyser, bass.

Aki 'riba nos ta mira e popular orquesta di baile "Dixielanders", tocando na Esso Club. Nancy Morris, e cantador, ta dilanti e microfoon. Mas adilanti, di robez pa drechi, ta J. A. Reimel, C. A. Overstreet, B. Smith, y e pianista L. Leonor. Mas atras nos ta mira e tocadornan di cornetin A. J. Sarratt y H. Duysker. Miembronan di e orquesta cu no ta 'riba fotografia ta J. Koulman, J. Koulman, J. de Lange, y R. Keyser.



Robert James Anthony, Patrolman 2 in the LPD, displays his certificate in scientific crime detection which he received after completing a course from the Institute of Applied Science. The course took one year and five months and covered fingerprinting, police photography, firearms identification, principles of criminal and civil investigation, modus operandi, and identification of handwriting and typewriting. Before coming to Aruba, Anthony was a police constable for nearly five years in Dominica.



GOOD LUCK! E. F. Keesler wishes the captains of the two teams that opened the Lago Heights softball league April 20. Mr. Keesler, Colony Service, officiated at the opening by throwing out the first ball. He shakes hands with Gerald Hoftijzer, Catalytic & Light Ends, captain of the Braves. Next to Hoftijzer is Ramon Hodge, Machinists, Baby Ruth captain. In a closely contested game, the Braves won, 6-5.



Owner of a brand-new Chevrolet is Leonardo Henriquez, apprentice clerk B in the Accounting Department's Service Division. He won the sedan at the Wilhelmina Sport Park fair on April 15. Candido Angela, Material Accounting, sold him the winning ticket... No. 2298.

Leonardo Henriques, un klerk den Accounting Department ta donjo di un Chevrolet nobo-nobo. El a gana e sedan dia 15 di April, na e feria cu a worde teni na Wilhelmina Sport Park. Candido Angelo di Material Accounting a bend'e e karchi cu bon suerte... no. 2298.





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a Esso Club. Nancy J. A. Reimel, tocadoran di corba fotografia ta J.



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## Bernhard Troop Takes All Honors in Scout Meet

The third annual inter-island Scout track meet attracted boys from all the various Scout and Cub groups April 21. The meet was held at the Lago Sport Park. First place winners in each of the three age groups — 8-10 years, 11-13, and 14-16 — were the youngsters from the Prince Bernhard Troop.

The Lago Colony Cubs, Pack 1, won second place in the 8-10 age group; the Lago Colony's Boy Scouts, Troop 1, won second in the 11-13 group; and the Baden Powell British Scouts won second in the 14-16 group. Top sportmanship was exhibited by athletes from all the various island troops. As in the past, the meet furnished an excellent opportunity for the boys, leaders, parents, and friends of Scouting all over the island to get together in a spirit of friendly, sportsmanlike competition.

### Costo di Bida

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guerra y despues door di periodonan continuo di inflacion. Durante 10 anja e tabata satisfactorio pa tene e ganamento di empleadonan igual na e costo di bida corriente cu un minimo perdida di tempo. (Esaki ta un ventaha distinto cu un mayoria grandi di trahadornan den e territorio aki no tin).

Un index di costo di bida pa un gran parte ta basá riba e sorto y cantidad di cosnan cu un persona regular ta cumpra. E index di Lago a worde trahá na anja 1941 y durante anjanan esaki a refleha cuidadosamente e articulonan cu empleadonan ta costumbra di cumpra. Sinembargo, masha poco poco y despues di hopi tempo ta bini cambianan den e sorto di cosnan cu ta obtenible y tambe den loke empleadonan ta prefera di cumpra.

E estudio cu ta den progreso awor tin como intencion pa determina cual efecto e cambianan gradual aki tabatin ariba e resultadonan cu e estudionan di costo di bida a muntra, y pa revisa e index di acuerdo cu tal resultadonan.

### Lions Elect Officers

Members of Aruba's Lions Club elected officers April 25 to serve for the 1951-52 term. New officers will go into office early next July.

Those elected are Carlos L. Juliao, president; Mike Kuiperi, secretary; Harold Salas, treasurer; J. W. Scholl, first vice president; Tom Pietersz, second vice president; Claudio Maduro, third vice president; Mario Morales, lion tamer; Edvardo Viada, tail twister; and, as directors, Joseph D' Aguiar, Roberto Lopez-Henriquez, Alfred Pinkus, and Eugene Hassell. Monte Maduro is immediate past president.

### Playground Opens

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ring outfit. Popular for all ages is the giant slide (picture shown on page 1).

During the presentation of the playground to Aruba's children, Lago President J. J. Horigan pointed out the value of healthful recreation in building good citizenship. For while the children are enjoying themselves, they are also learning sportsmanship and fair play... invaluable assets for their characters.



Tug-of-war is won by Lago Colony Cubs at inter-island Scout meet April 21. High-jumper Donald Richardson is member of prize-winning Prince Bernhard group.

Halamento di cabuya ta worde ganá door di e welpnan di Lago Colony durante un reunion di padvindernan di henter isla cu a tuma luga dia 21 di April. Donald Richardson bulador halto ta miembro di e Prins Bernhard Troep cu a gana premionan grandi.

## E Bernard troep a gana tur e honornan

Padvindernan y welpnan di tur e diferente troepnan ariba e isla a tuma parti den e tercer reunion annual di Padvindernan cu a tuma luga na Lago Sport Park dia 21 di April. E muchanan di Prins Bernhard Troep a gana prome premio den tur tres gruponan segun edad, e ta di 8 - 10, di 11 - 13, y di 14 - 16 aña.

Troep 1, di e welpnan di Lago Colony a gana segundo premio den e grupo di 8 - 10 aña, e Troep 1, di e Padvindernan di Lago Colony a gana segundo premio den e grupo di 11 - 13 aña, y e Padvindernan Ingles Baden Powell a gana segundo premio den e grupo di 14 - 16 aña.

Tur e muchanan a hunga masha sportief. E reunion a duna atrobe, un bon oportunidad pa e muchanan, lijdnan, mayornan, y tur amigonan di e Padvinderij over di henter e isla di bini hunto, pa un competitie amistoso y sportief.



It's "So Long" for B. F. Margolin, TSD, who retired this month and was feted at a picnic held by his friends at the American Legion Home. Sam Evans, left, smiles as Benny reads the scroll to the many present.

### NEW ARRIVALS

CROES, Olindo: A daughter, Hermogenes Domatilda, April 19.  
BROWNE, Louis V.: A son, Nelson Gregory, April 19.  
VROLJK, Agustin: A son, Hermogenes Agustin Albert, April 19.  
HOPE, Aaron: A son, John Gilbert, April 20.  
GORDON, Thomas: A daughter, Alagracia Delores, April 20.  
DANIEL, Rupert: A son, Dennis Findley, April 22.  
BOTAS, Logan: A daughter, Beatrice Virginia, April 23.  
ALBERTUS, Mamerto L.: A daughter, Ludas Gerarda, April 23.  
MONTE, Frans C.: A son, Frans Alfred, April 24.  
THIELMAN, Cirapio: A son, Fernando Miguel, April 24.  
COURTER, Jose M.: A daughter, Veronica Angelica, April 26.  
LACLE, Leandro: A daughter, Aura Maria, April 27.  
CANHIGH, Ronald: A son, Richard John, April 27.  
SUTHERLAND, Jean H.: A daughter, April 28.  
RASMIJN, Guillermito: A daughter, April 30.  
MARTINA, George E.: A daughter, April 30.  
JANSEN, Simeon A.: A daughter, April 30.



# Celebramento di Aña di La Reina

Tabata 6:00 di mainta, dia 30 di April. E kloknan di e misanan di Aruba a cuminsa bati over e henter isla, pa anuncia e aña di la Reina Juliana. E sonida di e kloknan tabata ainda den nos orecnan ora e carillon di Kerki Protestant na Oranjestad a cuminsa toca himnonan nacional.

Na tur parti di Aruba, na Noord, Sta Cruz, Paradera, Sabaneta... e hendennan tabata preperando pa celebra un di e miho dianan di fiesta den hopi aña. Muchanan cu cara limpi laba y cu banderanan oranje of holandes den nan man por a worde mira tur caminda. Na Oranjestad, ariba waaf, donjonan di botonan di bela tabata dornando nan botonan pa pustamento e mes atardi. Atleticonan tabata haciendo nan ultimo preparacionnan pa weganan cu lo worde teni durante henter e dia na Lago Sport Park y otro terenonan di Sport.

E prome number na San Nicholas tabata un parada di 120 Marinier den uniform di guerra. Nan a marcha door Bernardstraat, B. v.d. Veen Zeppenfeldstraat, Lagoweg, Helfrichstraat, Torrenstraat, y a bolbe den Bernardstraat.

Mas cu 2000 mucha a asisti na e "Aubade" na San Nicholas, cu a worde teni pa 8:00 di mainta y e Gezaghbeber interino H. A. Hessling tabata presente pa tende nan cantamento. Un ora despues el a tene un discurso pa un grupo mes grandi di muchanan di school cu a canta dilanti di Pasangrahan na Oranjestad. Pa 8:30 e Banda di Muller a yena e cayanan di San Nicholas cu musiek militar y 400 padvinder, representando e troepnan di Aruba a marcha door di e stad.

Na Oranjestad tambe e Mariniernan a tene parada, y despues e hendenan a grupa kanti di lamar dilanti di L. G. Smith Blvd, pa mira e cuminsamento di e pustamento di botonan. E boto di Leoncio Orman "de Arend", a gana e pustamento despues cu un careda di un ora y mei, fo'i e waaf grandi te na e boei p'afu y bolbe. Ganadornan di e segundo y tercer premio tabata "Virgin del Carmen" (N. Hoek) y "Consuelo" (D. Orman).

Premionan pa e botonan mas bonita dorna a worde gana door di "Reina Virginia" (di prome), "Clara" (di dos), y "De Arend" (di tres).

E premionan a worde presenta door di A. v.d. Berg, hoofd di e Openbare Werken.

Un otro number masha exitante tabata e pustamento di bicicleta over di un careda di 5 kilometer, cu a worde teni na Wilhelmina Sportpark Dialuna atardi. Esaki a worde gana door di Siegfried Palina. Di segundo y tercer premio a worde gana door di Willem Palm y Jacobo Palm.

Weganan pa bieuw y joven a worde tene ariba cuartro diferente luga Dialuna atardi... na Wilhelmina

Sportpark, Oranjestad, ariba Terreno di Trappers no Sta Cruz, ariba Terreno di Santa Filomena, Paradera, y ariba Terreno di San Nicolas Jrs na San Nicolas.

Pa 3:25 e Gobernador Interino i Antillan Neerlandes, F. A. Jas, a worde duna bon binida na Dakota Vliegvel. E prome luga cu Su Excelencia a bishita tabata Lago Sport Park unda weganan atletico a worde teni henter dia. Despues Su Excelencia a asisti na un receptia den Pasangrahan na Oranjestad.

Durante Diasabra y Diadomingo prome cu aña di la Reina, weganan di voetbal a worde teni ariba terrenonan di R.C.A. y Union. Kampioen den klas A a sali San Nicolas Jrs, cu a gana Racing Club Noord. Nan victoria a duna nan e copa "Reina Juliana". E titulo di kampioen intermediario a worde gana door di e elftal "Atomic" cual tambe a gana un premio, pa motibo di a hinca e cantidad mas grandi di goal.

Den e klas "B" e elftal "La Salle" a bati e elftal "Elf Sterren", y den e klas Juniornan e elftal "Dakota" a bati "Don Bosco". Na Sta Cruz "Jong Aruba" a gana "Jong Holland" cu un score di 2-1.

E celebracionnan di aña di la Reina a worde cera Dialuna 'nochi cu un vuurwerk magnifico, ariba santu dilanti di Strand Hotel.

### F.S.E.C. Elections

Final result have been announced in the election for the Foreign Staff Employees' Council held April 18 and 19. The winners and their districts are listed below:

P. G. Teekens, District I (Cracking)  
D. W. Brewer, District II (LOF, Acid & Edel, R & S)  
W. B. Hough, Dist. III (Cat. & L.E., Utilities)  
R. W. Plail, Dist. IV (M & C Admin., Storehouse)  
A. M. Pamplin, Dist. V (Marine)  
F. R. Burson, District VI (TSD)  
R. C. Busacker, District VI (TSD)  
H. G. Shoemaker, District VI (TSD)  
J. W. Groom, Jr., District VI (TSD)  
C. M. Barlow, District VII (Acct., Exec.)  
Miss A. Pannevis, Dis. VIII (Col. Serv., Dining Hall, Schools)  
Mrs. J. R. Sills, Dist. IX (Medical)  
E. M. O'Brien, Dist. X (Indust & Public Rel.)

### Marine Club Aids Scouts

The sum of Fls. 512 went to British Girl Guides and Scouts in Aruba last month as a result of a benefit dance at the Lago Marine Club. A large crowd turned out for the event, and the net proceeds were turned over to Mrs. D. G. Jakeman, commissioner of Girl Guides here. The dance was held April 21.



A double retirement luncheon was held on Friday, April 27 at the Esso Heights dining hall for Mrs. Marie Ph. Adams, Laundry, and Augustinus Figaroa, Storehouse. Both retired effective May 1. Guests of Mrs. Adams were Mesdames Marie E. Dickson and Stella P. Oliver. Mr. Figaroa's guests were Thomas Figaroa, Shipyard, and Aloysius Figaroa, Garage and Transportation. Also attending were E. F. Keesler, C. Arends, and C. G. Normandt.





# OLD SHIPS NEVER DIE

*Like Old Soldiers,  
They Just Fade Away.*



Returning from a last visit to the retired Invercaibo, Capt. F. Ellis takes a farewell look at the old ship on which he formerly served.



The bottom comes to the top! Here the Invercaibo is at work on the Maracaibo Bar. After 13 years service as a lake tanker on the Aruba-Maracaibo run, the Invercaibo was converted to a dredging vessel in 1938. Material from the sea was sucked in by a suction pump through drag pipes on each side of the ship.

At the stroke of midnight on April 30, the Invercaibo "just faded away." The men who had served on her were paid off and went their separate ways: most to other assignments in the Lake Fleet, a few on vacation. None knew what would happen to the old 26-year old veteran of the Lake Fleet — whether she would be sold as scrap, or sold to another company for dredging purposes.

When the old retired vessel is disposed of, many of them may never even hear about it. A seaman's life keeps him on the move, and some of them may never know what happened to their old ship. To them, she just faded away. To them, what remains of her are their warm memories of their long years of service on the stalwart old ship.

The lake tanker Invercaibo was built in 1925 in Belfast. She came to Aruba then and immediately entered the lake service. Her first captain was George Reid. She had a capacity of 20,000 barrels, and was one of the first vessels in the Lake Fleet. Until San Nicolas harbor opened in 1927, the ship docked outside Oranjestad harbor alongside the old George G. Henry, discharging her cargo of Maracaibo crude into that ocean-going tanker.

The Invercaibo remained in lake service until the summer of 1938. Then she was called on to perform a new and difficult job: opening a new channel through the tricky Maracaibo Bar, one of the world's most unique waterways. The Outer Bar, entrance to Lake Maracaibo and its rich oil deposits, had been a tough problem for mariners and scientists for years. Because of waves, currents, tides, and wind, the Bar was constantly shifting; this steady shift created dangerous navigational difficulties for ships going in and out of the Lake. The main channel of the Bar moved at an average rate of about 20 inches a day from east to west. Constant shifting of the main channel opened up a new smaller channel through the Bar. To solve the tricky navigational problems of the Bar, the Invercaibo was called on to give nature a helping hand in opening this new channel.

On August 1, 1938 the Invercaibo sailed for the States. At Newport News, Virginia, she was converted from a lake tanker into a dredge. She was equipped with pipes and a suction pump which sucked in sand,

mud, and anything else on the ocean bottom; this material was retained in hoppers in the bottom of the ship and later dumped at sea.

The Invercaibo returned to Aruba on October 7, 1938, and on October 12 started dredging operations on the Maracaibo Outer Bar.

From October 12, 1938 until April 22, 1951 — except for drydocking trips to Aruba every four months or so — the Invercaibo was engaged in dredging operations at the Maracaibo Bar. During this period the ship dredged up tremendous amounts of sand, mud, shells, as well as a goodly portion of bones, chains, rope, fossilized trees, ship fittings, fish, and other oddly assorted objects from the ocean bottom. From the Outer Bar she dredged up 9,525,110 cubic yards of "cargo"; from the Inner Bar, 4,423,298 cubic yards; and from La Arreaga, 43,950 cubic yards. This makes a total of 13,992,358 cubic yards of cargo actually retained by the ship and dumped. And this is only a fraction — three percent — of the actual material dredged. For records show that, during its 12-year dredging activities, the pumping equipment actually handled an estimated 466,411,900 cubic yards of material.

Dredged material from the Outer Bar was carried out into the sea and dumped; from the Inner Bar, it was dumped in deep water near Maracaibo.

Maracaibo, where the Invercaibo had been such a familiar sight for the last 12 years, didn't allow the old vessel to leave without notice. Before she left for her last voyage to Aruba, representatives of most of the oil companies in Venezuela gathered aboard ship for a farewell buffet supper. The Invercaibo was so well-known in Maracaibo and the Lake that she had become a part of the scenery. Vacationing passengers aboard Grace Liners, seeing the sturdy old ship busily dredging the Bar, always waved and shouted at the crew.

Now, though, for the first time in years, the familiar old "landmark" is gone for good. The Invercaibo has faded away. Behind her, she leaves fond memories among the many men who served aboard her during her long and busy life. Behind her, also, she leaves the memories of countless others who saw the sturdy old craft making the hazardous Maracaibo Bar safe for other ships.

## What will you always recall in connection with your years of service on the Invercaibo?

**J. Aaron, Pumpman - 13 years Company service, 9½ on the Invercaibo.**

(He approached Capt. F. Ellis, now Port Captain, to thank him for signing him on 9½ years ago.) I'll always remember the good treatment I got from the officers on the Invercaibo. It's been good service, and I'll miss it. Right now I'm going to take a vacation and go back to Surinam - I'm 62 years old and I haven't been back there for 38 years.

**J. Coffie, Dragtender - 15 years Company service, 9 on the Invercaibo.**

Life looked pretty hard when I came aboard the ship - I couldn't get used to being at sea all the time away from land and not seeing anything. But it got easier, now I hate to leave the ship and start out on a new job. I've been on the Invercaibo a long time, and I think most of us hate to leave the ship.

**D. Frew, Chief Engineer - 16 years Company service, 12 years on the Invercaibo.**

Both me and my dog Buda hate to leave the Invercaibo. I first served on the ship in 1927 when she was in the Aruba-Maracaibo lake service. Buda's been aboard for 10 years. I joined the ship again early in 1939, right after she entered dredging service on the Maracaibo Bar, and have been with her ever since. It's been good service and, like most of the men aboard, I hate to see the old ship retired.

**D. Martijn, Boatswain - 14 years Company service, 10 aboard the Invercaibo.**

The fish. I'll never forget the fish. It was at least seven feet long and had scales as big as your hand. It was a meru, and weighed over 500 pounds. (Despite arguments from other crew members, Bos'n Martijn couldn't be budged from his belief that the fish weighed over 500 pounds.) It was back in 1941 that the dredge hit this big fish and killed it. We were always picking up strange things in the dredge - fishing nets and stuff like that - but I'll always remember that fish. It weighed over 500 pounds!

**A. Martijn, Dragtender - 13 years Company service, 6 on the Invercaibo.**

I'll never forget how tired I always was during my first month on the ship. I just seemed to be tired all the time. Then I began to get used to it and began to like the work. You can't find a better job than this. I hate to see the old ship go. I'll miss it because it's been a good place to work.

**Chu Wei, Second Steward - 13 years Company service, 12½ on the Invercaibo.**

I've been with the Invercaibo a long time, and I hate to leave the ship. I've liked being here. I'll miss all my friends in Maracaibo - I've made a lot of friends there in 12 years and I'll miss seeing them all the time. (Here Capt. Woodrow interrupted to say, "that's right, Chu's very well-known in Maracaibo".)



"Remember when we took her to the States to be converted to a dredge?" On the eve of the retirement of the Invercaibo, men who have been closely associated with the vessel talk over the old days. From the left are Capt. F. Ellis, now Port Captain, who commanded the Invercaibo when it went to the States in 1938 to be converted for dredging purposes; Assistant Port Engineer E. J. Robertson, who was chief engineer then; D. Frew, present chief engineer who has been with the ship for the last 12 years; and the ship's last master, Capt. A. R. Woodrow, who was first mate in 1938.

